



Library Council of Washington
November 9, 2012
Vancouver Community Library, Klickitat Room
Vancouver, WA

LCW PRESENT

Benita Brown, School Libraries (by Skype)
Geoff Fitzpatrick, Information Technology
Priscilla Ice, Information and Technology
Cynthia Lucas, Special Libraries
Valerie McBeth, Special Libraries

Pat Partovi, Public Libraries Over 100,000
Ana C. Romero-Figueroa, Cultural Diversity
Rand Simmons, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL
Joan Weber, Academic 2-Year (by Telephone)
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged

WSL PRESENT

Jeff Martin, Acting Library Development Program Manager
Martha Shinnars, Youth Services Coordinator
Bobbie DeMiero, Administrative Assistant

SPECIAL GUESTS

Bruce Ziegman, former FVRL Executive Director
Karin Ford, Manager, Vancouver Community Library
Nancy Tessman, FVRL Executive Director

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Priscilla, Chair, welcomed Council and opened the meeting. Priscilla introduced Nancy Tessman, Executive Director of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, and Karin Ford, Manager of the Vancouver Community Library, who welcomed Council. Council members and guests introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2012 AND SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING NOTES

Notes from the June 12 and September 13 meetings were approved as written.

ACTING STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Rand provided his State Librarian's report:

- The Secretary of State election is very close between Kim Wyman, Thurston County Auditor and Kathleen Drew. Kim is currently in the lead with 600,000 votes to be counted. The new Secretary of State has been invited to meet with agency division heads next Tuesday.
- The agency received a request from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to present reduction information at the 2.5%, 5.0%, and 7.5% levels for the next biennium. This is to potentially offset the Supreme Court ruling in the case of McCleary vs. the State of Washington regarding funding for public education. Rand shared preliminary figures as to what the library's share would be for each percentage of cuts as follows:
 - 2.5% cut—\$245,598
 - 5.0% cut—\$491, 197
 - 7.5% cut—\$503,477

Rand said that we will have to wait and see what the legislature does with this information. He also said the new Secretary of State would have to try to get \$5 million back in state operational funding for WSL. The State Library currently is operating on \$5 million dollars from a building fund.

Microsoft contacted Rand asking if he would be interested in talking about the Microsoft IT Academy which would allow anyone in the community to take Microsoft courses through their local library and become certified. Representatives from Microsoft then met with Rand and Jeff to discuss. Microsoft is primarily talking about public libraries where students and community members would register and their registration costs would be paid by Microsoft. The rest would be paid by state funds that come through the State Library. Rand has asked for \$200,000 in support for each year and 2 FTE. Microsoft is going to approach the Governor to put this in her December budget. Rand also noted that schools are currently doing this and that it fits in with training the workforce of the future.

LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013 – 2017

Jeff referred Council to the agenda packet for a copy of the letter from Susan H. Hildreth, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, congratulating the Washington State Library on the submission and approval of the Five-Year-Plan

Council Members unanimously agreed that the following be noted in these meeting minutes:
 “Congratulations from Council to Washington State Library staff for the work done on the Five-Year-Plan. The work done on this was stellar. It was a great effort!”

LSTA and MOE

Jeff provided the final numbers for 2012, sharing that another look was taken at the activities used to calculate MOE and that one area was identified for inclusion in the MOE calculation. The area included is the WSL program for outreach and Pacific Northwest resources. Jeff commented that in January we should know what Congress will do with 2013 federal funding.

It was noted that Sequestration cuts will go into effect in January 2013 without Congressional agreement and intervention. These cuts could mean a reduction of Washington state's LSTA award to just under \$3 million, down about \$277,000 from what was received in 2012. We will know in January if Congress is able to avoid these automatic cuts.

PLANNING FOR LSTA REDUCTIONS

After discussion, Council prioritized the principles to be applied at the decision-making level:

1. Supporting access statewide (changed from "Easing statewide access")
2. Evolving skills/knowledge of library staff
3. Increasing literacy
4. Serving traditionally underserved, unserved, and cultural diversity
5. Preserving library collections

Council deleted this principle: Demonstrating how libraries educate, engage, and empower individuals, communities, and democratic society by providing free and equitable access to all types of information.

TOUR OF HOST FACILITY

Karin Ford and Bruce Zeigman gave Council a tour of the Vancouver Community Library.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Rand presented Certificates of Appreciation to departing Council members Pat Partovi, Geoff Fitzpatrick, and Benita Brown (via Skype). Lillian Heytvelt also received a certificate; her certificate will be mailed.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Joan Weber reported on the first nominating committee's recommendations for the Rural Libraries and the Public Libraries over 100,000 representatives.

- Joan moved that Christine Peck be asked to serve on Council representing rural libraries. The motion was approved.
- Joan moved Kyle Cox be asked to serve on Council representing public libraries over 100,000. The motion was approved.

Valerie Wonder reported on the second nominations committee's recommendations for the IT and School Libraries representatives.

- Valerie moved that Jim Loter, Director of IT for The Seattle Public Library, be asked to serve on Council representing IT. The motion was approved.

- Valerie moved that Trish Henry, District Librarian for the Mead School District in Spokane County, be asked to serve on Council representing school libraries. The motion was approved.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Valerie Wonder reported on the second nominations committee's recommendations for the 2013 Chair and Vice Chair.

- Valerie moved that Joan Weber be appointed as Council Chair and Nancy Bunker be appointed as Vice Chair. Council approved both nominations.

TRAINING AND CE – UPDATE ON EARLY LEARNING AND K-12

Martha Shinnars provided an update on:

- Early Learning & K-12
- Supporting Student Success Initiative
- Project Views and Connecting the Dots
- Common Core Standards

Martha shared that Dr. Bette Hyde, Director of the Department of Early Learning (DEL), invited the State Library to submit a proposal that would help libraries to support the DEL's statewide Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge. Martha gave details about the \$60 million project and said WSL's proposal was submitted to DEL on September 25, 2012.

INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jeff referred Council to the information items in the agenda packet, including the Library Development report and the IMLS Primary Source newsletter.

Rand shared that the State Library applied for a Humanities of Washington Spark grant of \$7,500. The grant requires a 50% match. It will allow the State Library to go out to communities that have Washington Rural Heritage projects and invite that library and a community partner such as a museum or historical society to talk to the community about how individuals can research local history both in the community and at the State Library.

WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will be in March 2013 at the Washington State Library, Tumwater, WA. A Doodle poll will be sent out to determine the date.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Bobbie Demiero